

Speaking Notes
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Good morning and thank you to everyone joining us for this briefing today. My name is Dominic Rochon and I am the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, National and Cyber Security Branch, with Public Safety Canada.

As the Prime Minister announced yesterday, the Government of Canada's top priority remains keeping people and communities safe, and protecting jobs, trade, and our economy.

Le gouvernement fédéral travaille toujours avec les provinces et les municipalités pour maîtriser la situation et mettre fin à l'occupation et aux blocus illégaux partout au pays.

All Canadians should feel safe in their communities, and unfortunately, recent unlawful protests have made feeling unsafe a reality in several Canadian cities these past few weeks.

Today I will take a few moments to discuss the *Emergencies Act*, and provide some examples of how the Federal Government may choose to apply the authorities provided under this Act.

J'aimerais préciser que la *Loi sur les mesures d'urgence* est utilisée comme dernier recours. Elle donne des pouvoirs temporaires, et ainsi de la clarté, aux organismes d'application de

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la loi pour qu'ils puissent agir rapidement pour arrêter ces manifestations.

Invoking the *Emergencies Act* is a significant step, one that will help ensure that law enforcement across Canada have broad and clear authority to protect public safety, ensure our borders remain open, and safeguard our national security.

It is also a clear message to those who may decide to participate in, or support, these illegal protests. Interfering with critical infrastructure or impacting the public's safety will bring about consequences; including potential fines and imprisonment.

Les mesures prises dans le cadre de la loi s'ajoutent aux mesures existantes dans les provinces et territoires. De plus, elles aident la GRC à s'intégrer efficacement aux opérations de la police locale. Notons, la *Loi sur les mesures d'urgence* ne donne pas au gouvernement fédéral l'autorité de commander les services policiers des autres administrations.

These measures under the *Emergencies Act* will supplement existing provincial and territorial measures, and assist the RCMP in becoming efficiently integrated into the operations of local police of jurisdiction. Provinces and territories retain their

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authority for the administration of justice and policing within their jurisdictions.

It is important to underscore that invoking the *Emergencies Act* does not give the federal government the authority to direct the police services of any other jurisdiction.

Specifically, the measures in force under the *Emergencies Act* clearly communicate new, but temporary, prohibitions for:

- Public assemblies that are expected to affect the movement and safety of people and goods, interfere with trade, or affect the functioning of critical infrastructure;
- Bringing minor children, under the age of 18 years, to participate in or even near an illegal assembly; and,

In addition, these measures extend to people who would support these illegal assemblies, and prohibit:

- Travelling to Canada with the intention of participating in these illegal assemblies, or to provide support to the people involved in them.

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- People travelling to and from illegal assemblies with the intention of participating; and,
- Providing support, like equipment and fuel, to those participating in illegal assemblies, or asking for supports from others.

Tel que mentionné en anglais, les mesures en vertu de la *Loi sur les mesures d'urgence* indiquent clairement de nouvelles interdictions, quoique temporaires, soit :

- D'organiser des rassemblements publics qui prévoient nuire à la circulation et à la sécurité des personnes et des biens, perturber le commerce, ou entraver le fonctionnement des infrastructures essentielles; et
- D'apporter des enfants de moins de 18 ans pour qu'ils participent ou soient dans l'entourage d'un rassemblement illégal

Ces mesures s'imposent également aux personnes qui appuient ces rassemblements illégaux. Elles interdisent aussi :

- de voyager au Canada pour participer aux rassemblements illégaux ou appuyer les personnes impliquées;

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- de se déplacer vers les rassemblements illégaux avec l'intention d'y participer;
- de fournir un soutien, par exemple d'apporter de l'équipement ou du gaz, aux participants ou de faire appel à de l'aide.

The measures clearly designate areas, including airports, ports, truck depots, utilities, power generation, hospitals, trade corridors and international crossing, as protected, and clarifies that law enforcement may protect these areas and the area surrounding them.

Par exemple, nous avons vu des manifestants perturber la circulation sur certaines routes avec des « tournées lentes ». Ces actions sont interdites, tout comme bloquer le trafic autour d'un aéroport.

As an example, we have witnessed “slow rolls” by some motorists intent on impeding the free flow of traffic on some roadways. Such actions are prohibited, the same way blocking traffic around an airport is prohibited.

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And in response to feedback from those on the ground, these measures provide the authority for the Minister of Public Safety and the Commissioner of the RCMP, or their delegates, to requisition and compel the provision of essential services, like tow trucks needed to support local law enforcement efforts, with fair compensation for these services.

De plus, toute personne, y compris les Canadiens, les résidents permanents et les ressortissants étrangers ne doivent pas : participer aux manifestations interdites qui atteignent à l'ordre public avec de sérieuses perturbations à la circulation de biens et de personnes; entraver au commerce ou à l'infrastructure essentielle; ou appuyer l'utilisation (ou même la menace) de violence envers une personne ou des biens. Il est aussi interdit de se déplacer pour participer à ces activités ou les faciliter.

Sinon, il y aura de graves conséquences :

- Des peines : des amendes montant jusqu'à 5 000 \$ ou de la prison jusqu'à 5 ans.
- Les ressortissants étrangers peuvent se faire refuser l'embarquement s'ils essayent de quitter le pays et peuvent se faire refuser l'entrée au port d'entrée.

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- Les résidents temporaires peuvent se voir inadmissibles, conformément à la *Loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés*, et se faire expulser du pays sans droit de retour pendant un an.
- Si un résident temporaire ne se conforme pas à l'interdiction et qu'il est trouvé coupable, il peut être expulsé du pays sans droit de retour.

Furthermore, all persons, including Canadians, permanent residents, and foreign nationals must not participate, travel to, or facilitate in any way, prohibited demonstrations that breach the peace through serious disruptions in the movement of goods and people; interfere with trade or with critical infrastructure; or support the threat, or use, of serious violence against persons or property.

If they do, there will be serious consequences:

- Penalties include fines up to \$5,000, and/or imprisonment up to 5 years
- Foreign nationals can be denied boarding prior to their departure for Canada, and will be denied entry at a port of entry

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- Temporary residents could face inadmissibility under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, and removal from Canada, with a 1 year ban on re-entry
- If a temporary resident is convicted on indictment for not complying, they can be found criminally inadmissible and deported while being subject to a lifetime ban on re-entry to Canada.

These measures are in force today.

Ces mesures sont en vigueur aujourd'hui.

Lastly, while some Canadians may wonder about the deployment of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) broadly, their involvement is not being considered at this time. Selon le cas, les provinces et territoires peuvent demander l'aide des Forces armées. Si une demande est envoyée, elle sera traitée rapidement.

That said, we will continue to use every tool at our disposal to protect our country and our interests, and keep Canadians safe here at home.

Thank you. Merci.

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